

# ARTICLES

*To be enquired of*

Within the Archdeaconrie of  
MIDDLESEX,

In the Visitation of the Right Worshipfull

D<sup>r</sup>. ROBERT PORY,

Archdeacon of the said Archdeaconrie of

MIDDLESEX,

Holden in the year of our LORD GOD, 1669

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The tenour of the Oath to be administered to and taken by the Church-wardens and Side-men.

**Y**OU shall swear, that having duly informed your selves and well considered of all and every one of these *Articles* now given you in charge, you and every of you will diligently enquire, and, in the fear of God, without respect of persons, full and true Presentment make of all offences and defaults committed against any of them by any one whosoever, now or lately of your Parish, and of what-ever else of your knowledge is, by the Canons of this Church or the Laws of this Realm, presentable in this Court. So help you God and by the Holy Contents of this Book.

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Concerning Religion, the true Worship of God, and the Government of this Church.

- I** Is there any who doth affirm that the Doctrine of the Church of England, expressed in the 39 Articles of Religion agreed upon by the whole Clergy of both Provinces in the Convocation holden at London, Anno 1562. is in any part erroneous, or that the Rites and Ceremonies of the said Church by the Law established are wicked, Antichristian, or Superstitious, so as they cannot be subscribed or conformed unto with good conscience? Who is he that so teacheth and affirmeth: and what is his name? Can. 5.
- 2** Is there any that teacheth or affirmeth, that the Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments and the Form of Worship therein prescribed, together with the Form and manner of Making, Ordaining and Consecrating Bishops, Priests and Deacons, as they are now by Law established, are unlawfull and repugnant to the Word of God? or who dissuades any from coming to the said Common Prayer: Who is he? &c. Can. 6.
- 3** Is there any who affirmeth the Church of England not to be a true Apostolick Church, as it is now established under his Sacred Majesty, or that the Government thereof by Archbishops, Bishops, Deans, Archdeacons, and the rest that bear office in the same, is Antichristian and unlawful; or who thereupon separateth himself from the Communion of the said Church, combining himself in a new brotherhood? Who is he? &c. Can. 4.
- 4** Is there any who doth teach or affirm that the King's Majesty hath not Supreme Power in all Causes Ecclesiasticall as well as Temporal within his several Realms and Dominions, according to God's Ordinance, unto which power all his Subjects are bound to yield all Duty and Obedience; or that any person hath authority to absolve Subjects from their Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, or doth dissuade any from taking the said Oaths? Who is he? &c. Q. Eli. c. 1.
- 5** Is there any who doth teach or affirm that the Church of England hath not power to determine Controversies in matters of Faith, and to oblige all her Children to a peaceful submission to her Determinations; or to constitute or decree, or otherwise to change and abrogate, Rites and Ceremonies, according as she shall judge most meet for edification, Can. 2.

cation, and for the moze decent and solemn transacting God's publick Service? Who is he? &c.

Concerning Churches, and all things thereto pertaining.

Can. 85. **I** Is your Parish Church or Chappel standing? or is it ruined so as the Parishioners cannot resort to it? or if standing, is it well and sufficiently repaired, and so from time to time maintained and kept? Are the Windows well glazed, the floor kept paved, plain and even, and all things there in such an orderly and decent sort, without dust, or any thing that may be either noisome or unseemly, as best becometh the House of God? And have you any Lands or Tenements given or belonging to the reparation of your Church? What is the quantity and value thereof? in whose possession are they?

Can. 82. **2** Are the Ten Commandments set upon the East-end of your Church or Chappel, where the people may best see and read the same, and other chosen Sentences written upon the walls of your said Church or Chappel, in convenient places?

Rabr. before Morning Prayer.  
Orders of Queen Eliz. An. 1551. 1b. O. d. 3.  
Can. 85. **3** Do the Chincels remain as they have don in times past, that is to say, in the convenient situation of the Seats, and in the ascent or steps unto the place appointed anciently for the standing of the holy Table? Is the Chancel of your Church or Chappel clean kept and repaired within and without, in the Windows and otherwhere, as appertaineth? And is there a comely partition betwixt your Chancel and the Body of the Church or Chappel, as is required by the Law?

**4** Is the Church-yard of your Church or Chappel well and sufficiently fenced, maintained and kept with Walls, Rails or Pales, as hath been heretofore accustomed? And if not, then by whose negligence or default is it that the Fences of the same are grown into decay?

Can. 88. **5** Are there any Plays, Feasts, Banquets, Suppers, Church Ales, Drinkings, Temporal Courts or Leets, Lay-suries, or Whiffers? or is there any other prophane usage kept in your Church, Chappel, or Church-yards, of what sort soever? By whom are your said Church, or Chappel, or Church-yard so prophaned as afoze is said, and by whose permission?

Injunct. of Q. Eliz. Orders of Q. Eliz. **6** Have you in the Chancel of your Church or Chappel a decent and convenient Table for the celebration of the Holy Communion? Is it so set as is directed in the Queen's Injunctions, in the place where the Altar stood, and so as the Priest at the time of Consecration may stand



Stand before the Table to order the Bread and Wine: Have you a Carpet of Silk or other decent stuff appointed by the Ordinary to lay upon the Table in the time of Divine Service, and a fair Linen cloth to lay upon the same in the time of Communion: and is the said Carpet and Linen cloth laid constantly upon the Table at the times aforesaid? Rubr. before the praier of Consec. in the Communion. Can. 82.

7 Have you a fair Communion Cup or Chalice of silver, with a Cover of the same, and a decent standing Pot or Flagon of pewter, if not of purer metal, in which the wine for the Communion is to be brought unto the holy Table: Is the said Table, Carpet, Linen, cloth Cup, or Flagon, or either of them, any waies profaned, or otherwise imployed than to their own proper and right holy uses? Can. 10.

8 Have you in your Church or Chappel a Font of stone, where Baptism is to be administered, decently made, and kept as it ought to be: Is the same set in the Ancient usual place appointed for it: and doth your Minister publicly baptize in the same Font only? Can. 81.

9 Have you in your Church or Chappel a convenient Seat made for the Minister to read Service in, as also a comely and decent Pulpit set in a convenient place within the same for the preaching of God's Word, and there seemly kept? Can. 82. 83.

10 Have you in your Church or Chappel a strong Chest with a hole in the upper part thereof, for the Alms of the poor: Hath the same chest three feveral Keys: and is the one of them in the custody of the Parson, Vicar or Curate: Is the same so set and fastned in the most convenient place, to the intent the Parishioners may put into it their Alms for their poor neighbours? Can. 84.

11 Have you a true Note and Terrier of all the Glebes, Lands, Meadows, Gardens, Orchards, Houses, Stocks, Implements, Tenements and portions of Tithes lying out of your Parish, which belong unto your Parsonage or Vicarage? And is the same, or a true Copy of the same, laid up in the Bishops Registry for a perpetual memory thereof: And have any of them been exchanged or taken away without the consent of the Patron or the Incumbent, or Licence of the Bishop: By whom have they been so taken away or exchanged? Can. 87.

12 Have you a comely decent Surplice with sleeves for the use of your Minister in saying the publick Prayers, or ministering the Sacraments and other Rites of the Church, together with an Aniversary Hood, according to the Degree of your said Minister? Can. 58.

Have you a Bible of the largest volume, fair and perfect, allowed by Authority, the book of Common Prayer, authorized by Act of Parliament Can. 80.

ment in the year 1662. and is enjoyned by the said Act, and the book of Homilies, all very well and fairly bound; as also a book of the Canons and Constitutions made in the Synod held at London Anno 1603. and ratified by the King's Authority:

- Can. 70. 14 Have you a parchment-Register-book wherein to keep upon record the feberall Christenings, Weddings, and Burials which happen weekly, quarterly or yearly in your Parish: Have you also a Register-book wherein to write the names of all the Preachers which come and Preach in your Church from other places: And have you one sure Coffer with three locks and keys, for keeping of the Books aforesaid: And both one of your keys remain alwayes in the hand of the Minister:

Whether is your Parsonage-house or Vicarage-house, Barns, Stables, and other Out-houses thereto belonging, in good and sufficient repair?

Whether hath any person incroached upon the ground of your Church-yard, or other consecrated ground? If any hath, then you shall present him, and set out what quantity of ground is so incroached upon: and whether any new Door or Window hath been lately made into your Church or Church-yard, and by what authority.

Concerning the Celebration of Divine Service, Administration of the Holy Sacraments, and the Persons who do officiate the same or Preach.

Act for  
Uniform.  
1662.

1 Is your Parson, Vicar or Curate ordained Priest according to the Order of the Church of England? Dost your Minister or Curate pronounce the Absolution, or consecrate the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, not being so ordained Priest:

Can. 50.

Stat.

Act for  
Uniform.  
1662.

2 Is your Parson or Vicar legally instituted and inducted into his Benefice? Did he within two months after his Induction read the 39 Articles established by Authority Anno 1562. in the time of Divine Service in your Church, on some Sunday or Holy-day, and then publicly declare his assent thereto: Did he upon some Lord's day before the Feast of St. Bartholomew 1662. or some Lord's day within two months after his Induction solemnly read in your Church or Chappel both Morning and Evening Prayer as it is appointed in the book of Common Prayer by the Law established: and did he after such reading publicly declare his unfeigned assent and consent to the use of all things in the said Book contained: And did he within three months after

ter the Feast of St. Bartholomew 1662. or within three months after his Induction, on some Lord's day, in your Parish Church, reade a Certificate under the Hand and Seal of the Arch-bishop, Bishop, or Ordinary of the Diocese, that he the said Parson, Vicar or Curate, did before his admission to be Incumbent subscribe a Declaration, of the Unlawfulness to take up Arms against the King, of his conforming to the Liturgy of this Church, and disavowing the unlawfull Oath commonly called the Solemn League and Covenant?

3 Hath your Parson, Vicar or Curate obtained, or is he vehemently suspected to have obtained, his Benefice by any Simoniack contract?

Can. 4.  
Stat. against Simony.  
ad for Uniform.  
1662.  
Rubr. before the Sentences.  
Can. 58.

4 Doth your Parson, Vicar or Curate distinctly and reverently say Divine Service in such manner and on such days and times as are appointed in the Book of Common-prayer? Doth he at all times of his Ministration wear a white Linen Surplice, with a Hood (if a Graduate) suitable to his Degree? Doth he in reading the Offices of the Church, particularly in celebrating Morning and Evening-Prayer, ministering the Sacraments, solemnizing Patrimony, Burying the Dead, and Churching of Women, use all the Rites and the whole Forms of Prayers, according as they are required and prescribed in the said Book, without omission, addition or alteration? Doth he read the Commination against Sinners at such times and in such manner as is also therein appointed?

5 Doth your Parson, Vicar or Curate administer the Communion in your Church or Chappell so often and at such times as every Communicant may communicate at least thrice in the year, whereof the Feast of Easter to be one: and doth he give warning thereof, and reade the Exhortation the Sunday before, that thereby the Parishioners may be stirred up to prepare themselves for the worthy receiving thereof?

Can. 21.  
Rubr. before the first Exh. in the Communion.  
Rubr. at the end of the Comm. Rubr. after the Nicene Creed.

6 Doth your Minister read the communion-Service on every Sunday throughout the year, though there be no Communion: And doth he after the Reading the Nicene Creed publish the Banns of Patrimony, Exiles, Citations and Excommunications: And is any thing during the time of Divine Service proclaimed but by the Minister? or by him any thing but what is prescribed in the Rules of the Common-prayer-book, or enjoyned by the King or by the Ordinary of the Place?

7 Is the Bread, provided for the holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, of the best and purest white Bread that may conveniently be gotten? Doth the Minister consecrate the same in that form and manner as is directed in the prayer of Consecration, as also the Wine provided: And if any Bread or Wine be newly brought in, doth he first

Can. 21. use the words of the Institution befoze it be distributed to the Communicants.

Rubr. 8 Doth your Minister, as oft as he celebrateth the Communion, receive the Sacrament first in both kinds himself? And having so received the same, doth he severally deliver the Bread and Wine to every Communicant in their hands kneeling? and at his delivery of the same, doth he rehearse the whole Form mentioned in the Communion-SERVICE, saying [ The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c. ] or doth he onely use some part thereof as he lists himself?

Rubr. after the Com. 9 Doth your Minister celebrate the Communion unless there be four, or three at least, to partake with him? Doth he admit thereto such as are Excommunicate. or any young persons befoze they are Confirmed, or such as openly live in sin, notorious, malicious, and contentious Persons: such Church-Officers as by not making true and full Presentments incur the damnable sin of Perjury; despisers and deparers of the Common-prayer or Articles of Religion, or of his Majestie's Authority in Causes Ecclesiastical, befoze such time as they have given evident Testimony of their repentance; or Strangers which come often and commonly from their own Parishes? And do the Church-wardens give notice to the Minister of such Strangers, that so he may remit them home to their own Parishes? And doth he, in case he rejects any, give account of the same to the Ordinary within fourteen days after?

Rubr. before Bapt. 10 Doth your Parson, Vicar or Curate publicly Baptize at the Font onely? Doth he Baptize any without warning given, or without God-fathers and God mothers, or at other times then are prescribed by the Book of Common-prayer? Doth he admit any person to answer as a God-father or God-mother that hath not received the Holy Communion? And is there any Child or other person of moze years remaining unbaptized through the default of your Parson, Vicar or Curate

Can. 29.  
Can. 68  
Can. 69.  
Rubr. for Private Bapt. 11 Doth your Parson, Vicar or Curate, being duly informed of the weakness and danger of death of any Infant unbaptized in his Parish, and being desired to go unto the place where the sick Child lieth, and Baptize the same, wilfully refuse to do it, or neglect the time, so that the Child dieth without Baptism through his default? If the Child so Baptized do recover, is it brought into the Church by the God-fathers and God mothers, that the Congregation may be certified of the Baptizing thereof?

Can. 61.  
Can. 59. 12 Doth your Parson, Vicar or Curate endeavour to prepare Children for Confirmation? To that end doth he instruct the youth and ignorant persons in the Parish in the Catechism set forth in the Common-

Common-prayer-book at such times as in the late Book of Common-prayer is prescribed? And doth he bying or send in writing to his Bishop the names of such as are so instructed by him, that they may be Confirmed?

Rubr. before Confirmation.

13 Doth your Parson, Vicar or Curate in solemnizing Holy Matrimony keep himself to the Form and Ceremonies, and to the times prescribed and limited? Doth he marry any before eight in the morning, or after twelve at noon, or without a King, or in any other place than in the Church, or without License, or Banns published three several Sundays or Holy-days in the Parishes where the said persons dwell? Doth he marry any under one and twenty years of age, without the consent of their Parents or Guardians signified unto him, or a License granted for him so to doe?

Rubr. of Matrim.

Can. 62.

14 Doth your Parson, Vicar or Curate upon notice given him, resort to such in your Parish as are dangerously sick, (if the disease be not probably suspected to be infectious) to instruct and comfort them in that distress? And have you ever heard that he hath revealed to any person whatsoever any crime or offence committed by the party (whose Conscience was troubled) to his trust and secrecie, except such crimes the concealing whereof might endanger his own life by the Laws of this Realm? And doth he refuse to give Absolution according to the Form prescribed in the Visitation of the Sick, to such as upon their humble Confession and true Penitence shall crave it, or to administer the Holy Communion to such persons as are dangerously sick, and being unable to come unto the Church desire to receive the same at their own houses, and are uneasy for lack thereof?

Can. 77.  
Rubr. Vis.

Can. 130.

Rubr. before the Comm.

15 Doth your Parson, Vicar or Curate Bury the Corpses of such persons as are Unbaptized, Excommunicate, or who have laid violent hands upon themselves? Or doth he refuse to bury such other Corpses as are brought to the Church or Church-yard, or, having convenient notice given him, delay to bury them?

Can. 68.  
Rubr. before Burial of the dead

16 Doth your Parson, Vicar or Curate do his duty in Churching the Women in your Parish, being not under Penance or Excommunication, when they come to Church to render thanks for their deliverance from the great pain and peril of Child-birth?

Rubr. for Churching

17 Doth your Parson, Vicar or Curate, having any Popish Recusants in his Parish, labour diligently with them to reclaim them from their errors? And doth he every year inform himself carefully of the names of all Popish Recusants above the age of thirteen years inhabiting or abiding within your Parish, as also of such as come to

&c for Uniform.  
1552.

Can. 65.  
Can. 114.



Church, and yet refuse to receive the Communion, and present the same under his hand to the Ordinary?

Injunctions and Advertisements of Q. Eliz.

18 Doth your Parson, Vicar or Curate, in Rogation-week go in Perambulation about your Parish, using the accustomed Prayers, admonishing the people to give God thanks, if they see hopes of Plenty and to call upon him for his Mercy, if there be any fear of Scarcity? And do your Parishioners assist him in it?

Can. 65.

19 Doth your Parson, Vicar or Curate, if commanded by the Ordinary, openly upon some Sunday denounce and declare for Excommunicate all such as stand Excommunicate by the Laws of the Church? Hath he kept company with such Excommunicate persons? Hath he said Divine Service while he knew such to be in the Church?

Confirm. at the end of the Can.

20 Doth your Parson, Vicar or Curate once in the year read in your Parish-Church or Chappel the Canons upon some Sundays or Holy days in the afternoon before Divine Service, so dividing the same that one half may be read one day and the other half the other day?

Can. 70:

21 Doth your Parson, Vicar or Curate, in the presence of the Church-wardens write and record in the Register-book the Names of all persons Christened, with the Names and Surnames of their Parents, and also the Names of all persons Married or Buried in your Parish, and the day and year of such Marriage, Christening, or Burial?

Can 55.

Can. 49

22 Have you in your Parish any Lecturer not having Cure of Souls therein? Doth your Lecturer use before his Lecture the Form of Prayer prescribed in the 55<sup>th</sup> Canon made in the Synod 1603. and no other Form? Hath your Lecturer been licenced by the Archbishop or Bishop of the Diocese, or, if he be void, by the Guardian of the Spiritualities, under his Seal?

Act for Union m 1657.

23 Hath your Lecturer a Certificate that he hath read in the hearing of the Archbishop of the Province, or of the Bishop or Ordinary of the Diocese, the 39 Articles of Religion? Hath he read before his first Sermon, and afterwards once every Month, the Divine Service appointed for that time of the day, and then and there publicly and openly declared his unfained assent and consent unto and approbation of the said Book?

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Can. 53.

24 Doth your Lecturer preach in a Gown or in a Cloak? Doth he profess his willingness to take a Living with Cure of Souls? And hath he not refused any that hath been offered him? Doth he in his Lectures, or any other Minister in his Sermon, impugn or confute any Doctrine formerly delivered in the same or any other near-adjoyning Church,



Church, before he hath acquainted the Bishop of the Diocese therewith, and received order from him what to do in that case for avoiding contention?

25. Is the whole Service, appointed in the Book of Common-prayer to be read for that time of the day, publicly and solemnly read by some Deacon or Priest before Sermon every lecture-day: and is the Lecturer who is then to preach present at the reading thereof? And doth your Lecturer administer the Sacraments of Baptism (if there be any to be Baptized) and of the Lords Supper, in such manner and form, and with the observation of all such Rites and Ceremonies as are prescribed in the Book of Common-prayer, at least twice every year? Can. 56.

26. Hath your Parson, Vicar or Curate, or Lecturer taken upon him to appoint any publick or private Fasts, Fropheings, or Exercises not appointed by Authority, without License and direction of the Bishop under his Hand and Seal first obtained? Or doth he or any other hold within your Parish any Conventicles or Meetings in any private house, or else where, for people of severall Families to resort to, under pretence of Praying, Preaching, Humiliation or Thanksgiving? Can. 71.

27. Is your Parson, Vicar, Curate or Lecturer of a sober and exemplary Life: one that doth not familiarly converse with vicious, ungodly, or excommunicate persons: no intemperate Drinker, or frequenter of Taverns and Ale-houses: no Swearer, or prophane and obscene Jester: no common Gamester, or promoter or encourager of Law-suits or Contentions amongst his Neighbours: not vehemently suspected of Incontinency with any person: And is his Habit and Apparel suitable to the Gravity of his Calling, and agreeable to the Canons of the Church: Speak your knowledge in all these particulars. Can. 73.

28. Have you any person within your Parish, who, being Ordained Priest or Deacon, voluntarily relinquisheth his or their Callings, using himself or themselves in the course of his or their lives as a Lay man: What are the names of such? And is there any person, not Ordained according to the Laws of the Church of England, that doth openly read Common-prayer, or execute any Ministerial Duty in your Church: and what are their names? Can. 74.

29. Whether hath your Minister, Church wardens or Side-men presented unto the Lord Bishop of London, or his Chancellour, within forty days after Easter, the Names of all the Parishioners, as well men as women, which being above sixteen years of age received not the Communion at or about Easter before, according to the 112<sup>th</sup> Canon? If not, you shall present whether that Presentment should have been brought in by your selves or your Predecessors, and specify the names Can. 112.

of every one that should have made such Presentment at Easter last past.

Concerning School-masters, Physicians, Chirurgions, Midwives, Parish Clerks and Sextons.

- Can. 77. **D**oeth any man in your Parish teach either in publick School or private house, but such as be allowed by the Bishop of the Diocese, or other Ordinary of the place, under his Hand and Seal? and if there be
- Can. 78. no publick Grammar-school founded in your Parish, doth any other teach School in your Parish than your Curate only, if he be willing to so doe?
- Can. 79. 2 Doth your School-master teach in English or Latin, as the children are able to bear, the shorter or longer Catechism set forth by Authority, and no other? Doth he on Sundays and Holy-days, when there is a Sermon, cause his Scholars to come unto the Church, and there see them quietly and orderly behave themselves? And doth he train them up at other times in Sentences of holy Scripture? And doth he teach them any other Grammar than that which was set forth by King Henry VIII. and hath since continued?
- Can. 91. 3 Have you belonging to your Church or Chappel a Parish-Clerk aged 21 years at the least? Is he of honest conversation, sufficient for his Reading, Writing, and also for his competent skill in Singing? Is your said Clerk chosen by any, your Parson, Vicar or other Minister? And doth your Clerk so chosen as before is said, receive his antient usuall Wages without any fraud or diminution, as hath been accustomed? Who is it that denieth to pay that Wages?
- Can. 67. 4 Doth your Sexton, or your Parish Clerk (if there be no Sexton,) when and as often as any person is passing out of this life, cause a Bell to be tolled, that his neighbours may be warned to recommend his Soul to the Grace of God? And after the said party's death (if it so fall out) doth he ring, or cause one short Peal to be forthwith rung, that to his neighbours may have notice that he is departed?
- 5 Do any in your Parish practise physick, or do any practise Chirurgery or doe the office of a Midwife, without License from the Bishop?

Concerning

## Concerning Parishioners

**I**S there any in your Parish, either Vassal or Servant, Sojourner or Inhabiter, that hath offended either by Adultery, Whoredom, Incest, or Drunkenness, or by Swearing, Ribaldry, or filthy speaking, Excession, or any other uncleanness or wickedness of life: You shall faithfully present all and every the said offenders. Can. 109.

**2** Do you know of any in your Parish or else where, that is an hinderer of the Word of God to be read or sincerely preached, or of the execution of any Ecclesiastical Canons now by Law in force; or a favourer of any usurped or foreign Power, by the Laws of this Realm justly rejected, and taken away; or defender of any Popish and Erroneous Doctrine: You shall detect and faithfully present, &c. Can. 110.

**3** Do all and every person or persons inhabiting or sojourning within your Parish diligently and faithfully resort unto your Parish Church or Chappel accustomed, upon every Sunday, and other days appointed to be used and kept as Holy days: do they then and there abide orderly and soberly during the times of Common Prayer, Preaching, or other service of God there to be used or ministered: or (which is contrary thereunto) have you any that come unto the Preachings onely, and not unto the Common prayer; or coming to the Common prayer, neither use to come at the beginning, nor tarry out unto the end: or that being there do rudely and disorderly behave themselves: or which by walking, talking, or any other noise, do hinder the Minister or Preacher: 1 Eliz. c. 2.

**4** Have you any that upon the Sundays or Holy-days employ themselves in their bodily and ordinary labour, or that permit their servants so to doe: or that keep open Shops in time of Divine Service: or any Minstrelers, Inn-keepers, or other Attuallers, that permit any to lie tippling in their houses, or that do tipple, dice, or play at cards, or any other game, in time of Divine Service on the aforesaid days: or that use any ploughing, carting, or works of husbandry, on any of those Sundays or Holy-days throughout the year, unless according to Law: or otherwise dispose of themselves then according to God's holy will and pleasure, and the Orders of the Church of England prescribed in that behalf, and by Law in force? Can. Ann. 1581.

**5** Doth any manner of person cover his Head in your Church or Chappel in time of Divine Service or Sermon, or any part thereof, except he have some infirmity: and in case of such infirmity doth he wear Can. 12.

Can. 12. wear a Coif or Night-cap onely, and not his Hat? Do all and every person of your Parish reverently kneel upon their knees when the general Confession, the Litany, the ten Commandments and other Prayers are read, and also at the receiving the blessed Sacrament of the Lords Supper? do they all say the Creed and the Lords prayer, next immediately following, in a loud voice together with the Minister: do they stand up at the saying of the Belief, and such other parts of Divine Service as formerly they have ben used to stand up at, according to the Rules and antient custom of this Church? and, when and as often as in the time of Divine Service the Lord Jesus shall be mentioned, is due and lowly reverence done by all persons present? Have you any that offend in the neglect of these particulars? and what are their Names?

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Can. 13.

6 Have you any Parishioner that being sixteen years of age doth not receive the Communion at least thrice in the year, of which Easter to be one, or that doth not receive the Sacraments and other Rites according to the order of the Common-prayer book; or that doth not reckon with his Parson, Vicar or Curate, or his or their Deputies, at Easter yearly, paying such Ecclesiasticall duties as are accustomed to be then at that time to be paid?

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7 The Minister standing as he is appointed at the North-side of the Table, when he prepares to celebrate the Holy Communion, and calling on those who do intend to communicate, to draw near and take that holy Sacrament to their comfort, as it is in the words of the Common-prayer book, have you any in your Parish that keep their seats, and sit still in their places, not drawing near as is commanded by the Church, but looking that the Minister should forsake the place of his station, by the Church appointed, to bring it to them?

Can. 58.

8 Is there any of your Parish who doth forsake his own Church or Chappel, to receive the Communion at the hand of any other then their own Minister: or any Strangers that usually repair to your Church or Chappel to the same intent? or any that refuse to receive the holy Communion at the hands of their own Minister, because he is no Preacher, or to have their Children baptized by him in the same respect; or that in the same respects communicate, or cause their Children to be baptized, in other Parishes abroad? Or doth your Minister baptize any Children presented unto him out of other Parishes? You shall present the names of all offenders in these particulars,

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9 Have you any that procure their Children to be baptized at home in their houses without great cause and necessity, or by any other then their own lawful Minister, if he may be had? or after any other form and manner

manner then is prescribed by the Liturgy of the Church of England? or any that procure themselves to be married privately, or after any other manner then the Church prescribes?

10 Do all and every household of your Parish, Fathers, Mothers, Can. 59.  
 Masters and Mistresses, cause their Children, Servants and Apprentices, which have not learned their Catechism, to come unto the Church, on Sundays and Holy-days in the afternoon, obediently to hear and to be ordered by the Minister till they have learned the same?

11 Have you any in your Parish that refuse to contribute and pay the Can. 91.  
 rate assessed upon him for the repair of your Church or Chappel, or the Can. 85.  
 providing of any Books, Vestments or necessary Ornaments to the same belonging? Present the names of those which do refuse.

12 Have you any that keep company and hold society with such as are Can. 65.  
 denounced and declared Excommunicate?

13 Have you any living in your Parish which have been legally separated and divorced, and have afterwards been married unto others, either Can. 107.  
 men or women, during the life of each other; or that being so divorced as aforesaid, keep company with each other at bed and at board? or any that being lawfully married, do yet live asunder, without a separation in due course of Law?

14 Have you any persons in your Parish, which are and have been Can. 99.  
 married within the degrees prohibited by the Laws of God, and expressed in a Table set forth by Authority? And is the said Table publickly set up and fixed in your Church or Chappel at the charge of the Parish?

15 Are there in your Parish any Wills unproved, or any Goods made Can. 92.  
 ministered by lawful Authority? Did any dying in your Parish give any Legacy unto your Church or Chappel, or to the use of the poor and needy? How have the said Legacies so given been disposed of, by whom and by whose Authority? And have they otherwise been disposed of then to the said pious and charitable uses?

16 Are there any Women in your Parish who after their delivery from the pain and peril of Child-birth refuse to make publick thanksgiving unto God, according as is prescribed in the Book of Common-prayer?

Whether is there in your Parish a common fame and report of any Scar. 37.  
 which have committed Adultery, Fornication or Incest; or any Banns, H. 8.  
 Harbours or receivers of such persons, or vehemently suspected thereof? If yea, then specify their names. Whether have you any in your Parish which are by common fame and report, or vehement suspicion



reputed and taken to be common Drunkards, Blasphemers of God's holy Name, common and usual Swearers, filthy Speakers, Railers, sowers of Discord among their neighbours, or Speakers against Ministers Marriages, or Extortioners? You shall not fail to present their names.

Whether have any in your Parish received or harboured any woman with child, suspected to be of an incontinent life; or have had any such woman delivered of a child in his or her house; or have suffered such women to depart without Penance first inflicted upon them by the Ordinary? If yea, you shall present as well the party harbouring as harboured, and all that help to convey them away, and the parties suspected to have committed Adultery or Fornication with them.

Whether do you know or have heard of any Patron, or any having an Advowson in your Parish, that have made gain by any colour, deceit, or Simoniack pact, in bestowing his Benefice and presenting to the same for gain, or for receiving mony, or promise of the Lease of the whole or part, or by reserving his own Tithes, or any Pension, to himself or any other?

What Alms-houses, Hospitals, Free-schools have you in your Parish that are not of the Foundation or Patronage of the King? and who was the Patron or Founder thereof? and whether are the said Alms-houses, Hospitals, or Free-schools in your Parish, being under the Rule and Government of the Lord Bishop of London, well and godly used, according to the ancient Foundations and ordinances of the same?

Whether any persons within your Parish, either for the offences aforesaid, or for any other contumacy or crime, do remain Excommunicated: what be their names? and for what cause and how long have they stood Excommunicated?

### Concerning Church-Wardens and Side-men.

Can. 89. **A**RE you the Church-Wardens chosen by the Joynt consent of your Minister and Parishioners; or one of you by the Minister, and the other by the Parishioners? Have the last Church-Wardens given up their accounts, delibering up the Parishioners the mony remaining in their hands, and other things of right belonging to your Church. or Chappel: and is the same delibered to you by Will indented?

Can. 90. **D**O you the Church-Wardens and Side-men diligently see that all your Parishioners resort duly to your Church or Chappel upon Sundays and Holydays, and there continue the whole time of Divine Service?

Can. 87. **D**O you suffer any to walk or stand idle or talk in the Church or in



in the Church-yard or Church-porch, during that time, to the disturbance of the Minister and scandal of the Congregation: You must present the names of such as offend herein.

3 Do you against the time of every Communion, at the charge of the Parish, provide a sufficient quantity of fine white Bread, and of good and wholesome Wine, for the number of the Communicants: And do you doe the same with the advice and direction of your Minister: And the Wine so provided do you bring to the Communion Table in a clean and sweet standing Pot or Flagon?

4 Do you the Church-wardens and Side-men see that the names of all Preachers, which come to your Church from other Place: be noted in a Book provided for that purpose? And doth every such Preacher subscribe his name in the said book, the day when he preached, and the name of the Bishop that licenced him to preach?

5 If there be any publick dissention and contradicting in your Pulpit, between the Minister of your Church or Chappel or any other Preacher or Preachers, whereby disquietness and offence may grow among the people, do you forthwith signifie the same unto the Bishop, and not suffer the party to enjoy the place so by him abused, until the Bishop hath taken further order in it?

6 Do any person or persons trouble or molest you the Church-wardens, for presenting all or any of those persons which do offend in any of the premises: Who are they that do so molest or trouble you? and beseege whom, and in what Court do they so molest you?

7 Do you the Church-wardens levie by way of distress on the Goods, Lands and Tenements of every person in your Parish, that doth not re-  
sore unto your Parish Church or Chappel on every Sunday and Holy-  
day throughout the year (having no reasonable excuse to be absent) the  
sum of xii. pence for every Sunday or Holy-day that he is so absent?  
And do you distribute the severall sums so levied as before is said, among  
the poor of the Parish, according to the Law in that case provided?

8 Have you had time sufficient for drawing up your Presentments? How long is it since this Book of Articles was sent unto you? Have you perused and considered as well the Oath you are to take as the Articles whereon to ground your Presentments, and every branch and clause thereof? and have you framed your Presentments punctually according to the severall branches and clauses of those Articles? For know assuredly, that as the discharging of your Office is the chief means whereby publick sinners and offences may be reformed and punished; so if you wilfully omit to present such crimes as either you know to be committed, or otherwise have heard by publick fame: that in such cases

cases your Ordinaries are to proceed against you, as in causes of wilful Perjury, in their Ecclesiastical Courts.

### Concerning Ecclesiastical Officers.

Can. 138.

**D**o your Apparitors cause or suffer any Pandares to be executed by any Messengers or Substitutes: What reward or fee have any of the Apparitors taken and received: or what acquittance or discharge have they given or promised any for not appearance before the Arch-deacon or his Official: Whom have they so compounded with: when and upon what occasion:

2 If you know of any other default or crime of Ecclesiastical Contumace presentable in this Court, you are to present the same by vertue of your Oaths.

Can. 115.

3 The Minister of every Parish may and ought to enquire of these printed Articles, and to joyn in Presentment with the Church-wardens and Side-men; and if they will not present, the Minister may and ought himself present the defaults and crimes aforesaid: and there must be several Presentments made to every Article: and the Minister, Church-wardens and Side-men, are to meet and confer about the said Presentments, and answering of every of the aforesaid Articles.

FINIS.

